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## The New Man at CIA

Retired Vice-Admiral Raborn, nominated by President Johnson to head the CIA, has devoted his life to the Navy, except for a brief tour in defense industry.

His long naval record is a measure of his patriotism and public dedication; it is hardly a clear credential for his leadership of CIA.

When CIA was established, there were fears that a single, centralized intelligence agency might acquire dangerous power beyond anything envisaged by Congress.

President Eisenhower warned in his farewell speech against the growing in-

fluence that a military-industrial complex was exerting on public policy.

A Harvard study of the CIA said that its director "must be a rare combination of administrative expert, imaginative scholar, courageous master spy, and a person of keen political sensitivity to the political ideals of the American republic . . . a master judge and politician, but not a political partisan . . . possessed of an inner integrity and common sense."

This is an exacting prescription. We hope the Senate will not lightly ratify Admiral Raborn's appointment. It calls for close, extensive examination.